



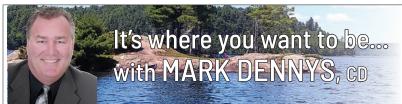
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Keeping the beat

Georgie Stwewart and her mom, Nicole Stewart, join the drum-circle on Saturday during the annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival over the weekend at Head Lake Park, where 100 artists and artisans showcased their work during the three-day event. Festival-goers were treated to live music, great food and a variety of art from creators across Canada. See more photos on page 9. /ADAM FRISK special to the Echo

100 years of Curry Chevrolet

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. is a family business, through and through, and has been for the past 100 years.

The staple Haliburton dealership turned a century old this spring, thriving through the Roaring Twenties, surviving recessions, making it through war time, building new facilities, and ultimately seeing steady success, all thanks to generations of close-knit families that owned and worked at the company.

"It wasn't just a job, it was its own community. It was a family. Curry Chevrolet was everything to us, and it was a huge part of our everyday, ordinary life," said Wendy Iles, wife of the late Mike Iles, former service manager and shareholder of Curry Chevrolet.

This sentiment was echoed by each person involved in different periods of Curry Chevrolet's timeline.

Building locations may have changed

along with those who called the workplace home over the past 100 years, but what has remained steadfast is a community of those who care about each other and serving Haliburton County.

"It's amazing. You look at other dealers, and it's very uncommon that they're in the same name for 10 or 20 years, let alone 90," said current owner Rory Campbell. "It's one of the oldest GM dealerships in Canada, and now only having two families own it for 100 years is just amazing. Across the industry, it's

a very rare thing to see. It's a testament of how the town has supported the Currys, the Popples, and now the Campbells through all of the ups and downs of the automotive industry."

The Curry pioneers

It all began over 100 years ago with William Robert (WR) Curry.

Despite only receiving an education at Irondale Public School, he proved that

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The original location when WR Curry began selling General Motors products in 1923 was located where Shopper's Drug Mart is today. /FILE



The second location of Curry Motors was built in 1949 and continued to operate from this location on Maple Avenue until 2006. Haliburton Rexall exists at this location today.

Longstanding business built on community support

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it's one's character that determines their success.

"... as his life unfolded, it would become increasingly obvious that his innate abilities were a substantial substitute for formal education," said Robert Popple in *Northern Belle*, a book written about WR's daughter and esteemed painter, Ethel Curry.

In a raft towed by a steam tugboat normally used for pulling log booms, WR brought his family to Haliburton from Miskwabi Lake in search of a new life in the summer of 1906.

WR's love for cars began when he bought Haliburton County's second-ever automobile in 1913.

He opened a garage in 1919 with his then 15-year-old son, Ron, signing as his business partner. They began selling Chevrolets in 1923, marking the beginning of 100 years with General Motors.

Ron purchased his own garage in the 1930s and operated it along with Curry Motors while WR operated his lumber business in tandem.

In 1945, Joe Iles began working for Ron and stayed at Curry Chevrolet for 45 years.

Ron partnered with Joe Iles, who then brought in Lenny Salvatori as an additional shareholder around 1952.

With business expanding and an increasing need for an updated facility, Curry Motors built a new home for the dealership from 1947 to 1948 just down the road, on the corner of Highland Street and Maple Avenue.

"We had a grand opening in 1949. It was a state-of-the-art facility for the time," said current general manager Bob Bullock.

Sheila Popple, WR's granddaughter and Ron's daughter, said WR's legacy as a pioneer in Haliburton can be attributed to his calm demeanor, organizational skills, and excellent work ethic.

"My grandfather was very personable. Family was always important. He came every Saturday night for dinner which was our big family dinner because our Dad Ron worked six days a week, except Sunday," said Sheila.

Ron's work ethic and positive qualities were undoubtedly passed down from father to son.

"My Dad was a quieter man, and didn't care for school, but he was a meticulous bookkeeper, and very-well organized," she said.

Sheila and her brother Peter both had their first jobs pumping gas and checking oil - Peter at age 12 and Sheila at age 15.



Ron Curry operated this garage and Shell station beginning in the 1930s just down Highland Street from the original Curry Motors location. Haliburton Highland Pharmacy is located at the previous shell station today. /FILE



Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. has been located at 5065 Haliburton County Rd 21 for the past 17 years. /FILE

Ron ensured they each received a postsecondary education, an accomplishment unheard of for women living in Haliburton County at the time.

In 1967, Peter took over as dealer principal from his father and continued in the role until 1983.

But, even after three generations, ownership of Curry Chevrolet wasn't up for the Curry family.

Don Popple, Sheila's husband, took over the family business from Peter in 1983 and stayed as dealer principal until 2013

A new generation

Andy Salvatori took over his father Lenny's share of the company in the 1990s, and took Joe Iles' job as sales manager. Mike Iles, Joe's son, took over his father's share and worked as service manager.

"I spent as much time with those guys at work as I did with my family," Andy said. "Summers were so busy, and we didn't have enough room to store our vehicles on location when we were downtown."

Andy said it was exciting for everyone, employees and customers alike, when the new, bigger facility was built on County Road 21 in 2006.

"Curry Chevrolet was our whole family life up until six years ago when Mike took the role of fire chief. Curry Motors was his work, but the people he worked

with became family. We did everything together, our kids were born at the same time, I remember one Christmas party where three or four of us were all pregnant. We literally grew up together," said Wendy Iles.

Curry Chevrolet today

Bullock started working at Curry Chevrolet in 2002 after a college co-op placement and fell in love with the Highlands.

"I knew we wanted to keep him on as soon as he worked here during placement," said Don.

He started in sales, became sales manager, and worked his way to general manager in 2019.

"Everybody we've hired seems to have the same idea about work. I think that's why all our staff stay so long," Bullock

Curry Chevrolet has consistently had around 40 employees on staff since the 1980s.

The Campbell family took over ownership in 2013 and acquired all shares.

"General Motors put my family and Don in touch when he was ready to retire. We had a meeting up there in Haliburton. We had always spent a lot of time up there. It was a place we always loved to visit, and it was a dream to be up there. It was just by chance that GM told us about Don," said Campbell.

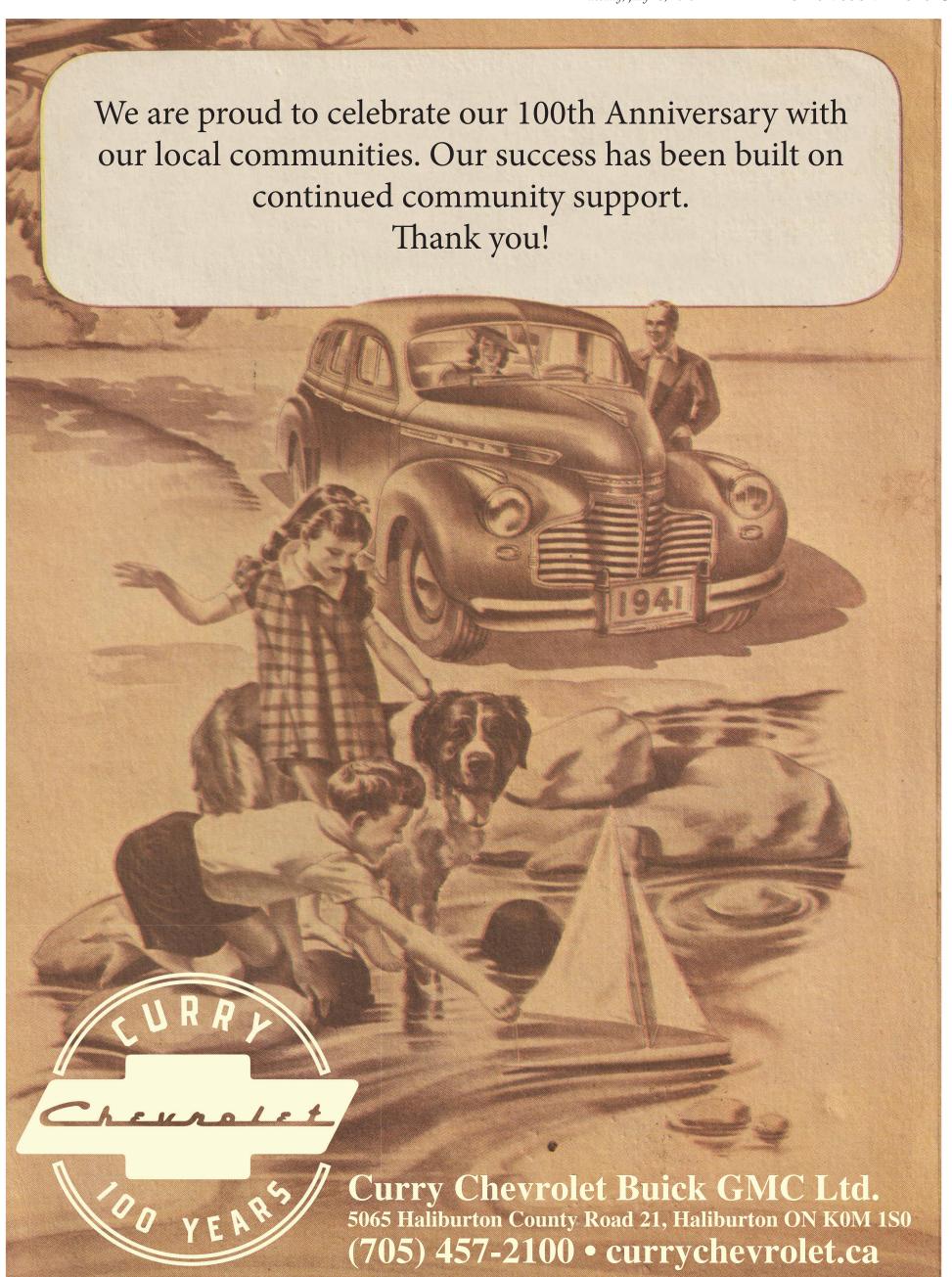
Before retirement, Don's main goal was to ensure all employees at the time were able to continue working at Curry Chevrolet, carrying on the close-knit, family environment.

"I think that was something that was always passed on through all of the generations, and when we took over, that was really a sticking point for Don. It's something we've always embodied at our other dealerships, to keep and maintain the staff you have, and that's your biggest asset."

A public celebration will be held later this year, and Curry Chevrolet has focused their attention on community initiatives.

They provided the new Head Lake Park playground with a generous donation and have doubled sponsorships for other events in 2023.

"It makes life a lot better for customers coming through the door to see familiar faces that have been there for so long," Campbell said. "The town of Haliburton and surrounding towns are the only reason we're here, because of all of that support."



Highway 118 road work continuing through summer

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Major delays between Haliburton and Carnarvon this summer may be causing headaches for some travelers, but construction work is on track for a freshly resurfaced, stable road by the end of the

Features will include a new east-bound turn lane and extended west-bound turn lane at the Highway 118 and Kennisis Lake Road intersection.

"New concrete curb and gutter together with a storm sewer system, and new illumination will also be installed," said Dakota Brasier of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO).

The long-awaited slope stabilization along Head Lake has been completed.

"This contract was awarded to J & P Leveque Brothers Haulage Limited and is on track to be completed later this year," Brasier said. "This work includes pavement rehabilitation, culvert replacements and slope stabilization and improvements to intersections, drainage and guide rail.

Local businesses say delays strain some

ing forward to the finished product.
"It doesn't seem to be affecting the

amount of people coming in, but it is affecting our ability to do business. Obviously it's almost over, it needs to be done, totally and absolutely understand that," said Michael Schiedel-Webb, co-owner of Haliburton Highlands Brewing.

Schiedel-Webb said it adds three to four hours a week of driving time for himself and colleagues.

Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest, said he is glad to see the much needed work getting com-

'Our government understands how critical highways, roads, and bridges are to keep people and goods moving across Ontario. This year, we have committed approximately \$3 billion to repair and expand provincial highways and bridges," said Brasier.

For more information, travellers can visit http://511on.ca/ or https://twitter. com/511Ontario for updates regarding this work and any impacts to traffic.

Police interrupt early-morning would-be thief at car lot

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Some early morning proactive policing interrupted a would-be thief in mid-act on Highway 118 in Haliburton.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands

OPP Detachment interrupted the theft of tires and rims from a motor vehicle at about 3 a.m. July 14.

Officers on general patrol came upon a theft in progress. The OPP has a policy of not identifying the victims of crime, by a phone call to the Haliburton Chrysler dealership confirmed the attempted theft happened on the lot.

Const. Michael Melnychuk said only that it happened at a business.

"We patrol the area during the day and we come across things," Const. Michael Melnychuk said of the brazen attempt. "Our officers were just checking."

The suspect fled west on foot and is believed to have been seen at about 6 a.m. in the College Drive area

A search by police, the Emergency Response Team, and the canine unit came

Businesses, residents and drivers in the area are being asked to check dashcams or security cameras footage for any suspicious activity during this time.

Melnychuk said Head Lake area resi-

dents should take such precautions as ensuring vehicles and residences are locked at night.

"I just want to make sure that residents living on the top edge of the lake there, if they had any video footage or anything that can assist us, any witnesses that may have seen anything in the area, that they contact us," he said.

'Community safety is paramount to the OPP, and we want to make sure that we make residents aware that this is occur-

Anyone who may have information that may assist with this investigation are asked to contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431 or toll-free at 1-888-



HHHS Brings Together Emergency Services at Haliburton Site

Emergency services are no longer available at the HHHS Minden site.

This change came into effect on June 1, 2023, as a result of severe and on-going staffing shortages.

If you are in need of serious medical attention, always CALL 911.

Anyone needing emergency care can access services at the Haliburton site (7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton).

Visit www.hhhs.ca or call 705-457-1392 for more information.



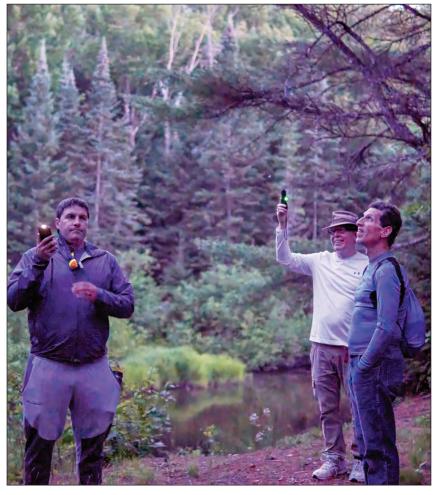
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Coffee for camp

Audrina Upton, manager of Haliburton Tim Horton's, Athena Upton, and Sophie Owen play a game of Plinko during Camp Day where 100 per cent of proceeds from coffees bought on July 19 will be donated to Tims Camps to support youth. \$3,267 was raised at the Haliburton Tim Horton's on Camp Day. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff





Going batty

Bat enthusiasts gathered at Dahl Forest on Saturday, July 22 for Go Batty, a Haliburton Highlands Land Trust event. Devices were used to listen for bats overhead. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



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Be where your feet are

VERYONE IS saying it. It feels like the mixtape of **⊿** summer is stuck on fast for-

Maybe it's because it's our first real summer following health measures.

Maybe it flies by this fast every year, and we just forget how quickly the hazy hot days go by.

Regardless, lately, I've been feeling loads of FOMO: fear of missing out.

There is so much happening everywhere, everyday.

I want to be everywhere, everyday. I want to see everyone, everywhere,

I want to experience everything happening with everyone everywhere is what happens when you're busy everyday.

I wish I could hit pause and rewind at 11:59 p.m. most days, just to live it over again, at a different place, with different people. To make sure I don't miss out on all the wonderful, amazing things happening in the county this summer. To make sure I see all of the wonderful, amazing people in the county, too.

FOMO. Major FOMO. When contemplat-

ing what to write this week's editorial about, I had a hard time choosing

I experienced so much in seven

I could've written about housesitting at a new place -which is always fun, and feels like a mini-staycation.

I could've written about the interviews I had with some great people - the ones instrumental in allowing Curry Motors to thrive for the past 100 years.

I could've written about the Art and Craft Festival - a staple Haliburton event for as long as I can remember, always inspiring and exciting.

I could've written about time with friends and family that made my cheeks sore from smiling - listenii to Ragged Company and eating pizza at Haliburton Highlands Brewing for a birthday, singing along to Neil Diamond at Hook, Like & Sinker's kara-

The thing sticking out to me from this week, though, is the feeling of falling short.

"I missed so much," I think to myself. "I didn't do enough."

During or after all of those really wonderful experiences, I was thinking about other things I had missed.

I saw some friends, but missed oth-

I went to one event, and missed

I spent time on one lake, but didn't get to go to another.

But like John Lennon said, "Life making other plans."

Yes this summer is flying by, but how much of that is because we aren't experiencing the life we're living right now?

Would I have felt less FOMO if I completely enjoyed where I was, when I was there, and was present with who I was with?

100 per cent, yes. Just because we might be missing out on one thing doesn't

mean we aren't where we're meant

I had a lovely visit with Don and Sheila Popple this week, and Sheila said to me, "Just like in an airplane, you have to make sure you put your own oxygen mask on before you worry about anything else.

And with so much happening constantly, how often are we making our

own flow of oxygen a priority? Looking back, I noticed that my favourite parts of the week were times that were calm – sitting alone at Molly's in Minden to work in the afternoon sun and quietly listening to the evening storm in the screen porch with family.

Maybe that's the pause button on summer's remote – steadying our flow of oxygen by being where our feet are, no matter the place.



A blooming iris. By Tammy Nash

A fruitful afternoon

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IM AND Joe were feeling restless. Summer holidays were great, but sometimes the days were too long with nothing exciting happening. However Greg, who lived across the street, always seemed to come up with great ideas. So when Greg walked over to their house that hot and humid day, the brothers knew something was on his mind. An idea to pass the afternoon. An adventure. Maybe even dangerous. And being boys, of course anything that involved food was sure to be a hit.

As he sauntered into their backyard, Greg made a big show of rubbing his stomach and mumbling how hungry he suddenly felt and wouldn't it be great to have a nice fresh snack of something. Hearing these words, Tim and Joe looked at each other in

anticipation. Something was up.

That something was a perfect combination of challenge, risk and food. And if they were lucky, no one would ever know. It involved the neighbours, so the three boys would have to pro-

ceed with caution. Every summer Mr. Fiorini bragged about his pears. They were the most juicy, plump and flavourful pears around and the man's pride and joy. Mrs. Fiorini

made pear preserves which she gave away at Christmas. Those pears were famous throughout the neighbourhood. No one had ever dared to venture near them, no matter how much they shone in their pear perfection on the tree. Climbing over the fence was the easy part. Mr. Fiorini's pear tree a bit more diffic

Greg's idea was to climb into the tree then drop pears, one at a time down for the other two to catch. He figured maybe three pears each should be a nice snack.

However the boys hadn't taken the day's heat into account. So while Greg, like the other two, was quite adept at tree-climbing, when it came to manoeuvring in a tight space on small branches with damp hands slippery and sweaty, something was bound to happen. As Greg reached

for one of the prizes, his supporting hand slid over the branch and he lost his balance. Quickly moving his position as he grabbed another branch to stop his fall, they heard a cracking sound. One of Mr. Fiorini's precious branches hit the ground.

The boys immediately looked around, hoping the noise hadn't been heard. When there was no reaction from inside the house, Greg quickly snatched the rest of their pears and scampered down. The three ran back up and over the fence and down the

Pear juice ran down their chins as they finished off the fruit in record time. Of course it tasted better than anything their mother bought at the store. The fact that these pears were high-jacked from their neighbour

only added to the taste.

That evening, Mr. Fiorini paid a visit to the boys' homes. Tim happened to glance out the living room window and saw their neighbour just before he knocked. He knew they were in trouble. A quick call to Greg gave him a heads up and then Tim was ready to face the music on his own. Joe was out. He walked into the living room where the man was talking to Tim's mother.

To his surprise, Mr. Fiorini was smiling. He explained he had been watching Greg in his pear tree that afternoon and had almost ran outside when it looked as though the boy was about to fall. But then Greg had righted himself and it was all fine. The thing was, Mr. Fiorini explained, cious pears. Everyone loved them. However, if the boys wanted more pears, he said all they had to do was ask him. No problem. He just didn't want them climbing and breaking branches.

Once Tim agreed, he and Mr. Fiorini shook hands and the man left. As the door closed behind him, Tim wondered what other adventure he, Joe and Greg could try tomorrow. It was a long summer.

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Fear and loathing in **Candy Land**

P UNTIL THIS week, I thought that boxing was the king of the blood sports. But that's only because I had never played Candy Land with a six-and-a -half-year-old veteran of the game, a springer spaniel and an absentee player who never even set eyes on the spinner, her game piece, or the board.

Now, that's a real blood sport...

I'm not going to lie to you. I misjudged.

I thought I would have no trouble winning what is dubbed "The Classic Game of Sweet Adventure!" Heck, I thought I'd have to throw a few games just to keep my

grandson happy.

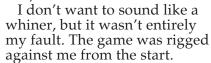
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At worst, I imagined I'd come in second. After all, Hudson (my grandson) and me were the only ones who were actually capable of spinning the spinner – Jenn was too, but she chose to be an absentee player, trusting us to spin for her and move her Cutee Cone marker towards

King Kandy's Castle. She's a lot smarter than me.

It turns out, however, that I did not grasp the concept of the game, which is to spin the spinner to get a random result and move my marker - a certain Giggly Gumdrop – forward to the colours as indicated or lollipops. And, in this, I failed.



You see, I was the oldest player in a game where turn order is

determined from youngest to oldest. So, Hudson went first, Rosie, my dog who is 21 in human years, went second, followed by Jenn and then me. I never really stood a chance.

Despite having the strongest spinning finger in the league, I did not once get a good spin result. In fact, I'm ashamed to say most games I never made it passed Nana's Nutt House. Sure, I once got as far as Licorice Lagoon but, by that time, Hudson, Rosie and Jenn were already approaching the Frosted Palace.

I won't lie. This was not good for my self-esteem.

Candy Land is no country for old men. I know that now. Yet, it has this mystical allure that makes you want to go back for more punishment. You think to yourself, "Sure, I lost 37 games in a row. But maybe next time will be different. Maybe next time I'll land on more short-cut arrows and avoid the spaces with the crossed black liquorices. Who knows? I might even have a lucky spin and land on the chocolate ice cream cone and break far ahead of the

Which I did at least twice, before I spun on the peanut and got knocked right back to Nana's Nutt House.

Were there life lessons to be learned? Absolutely. For one thing, life is not easy to be an old Gum Drop on the Liquorice Road. In fact, if you think about it, it's a nightmarish stroll over the bodies of your long dead relatives. Also, the Kandy King's House just looks like a Dairy Queen to me - and that can't be healthy. Lastly, I kind of expected my grandson and Jenn to gloat with each mounting victory, but I didn't expect it from my dog

Some best friend she turned out to be.

In any case, despite what the game box says, I did not spin and move to meet magical friends. They merely mocked me.

Which leads me to believe, the only magic in that game is that the Kandy King isn't diabetic.

Is it like boxing?

No, but I think calling it the Sweet Science wouldn't be all that wrong either.



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past goes back to the year 1920 and shows three Haliburton men cutting wood with a sawing machine which was very popular at that time. Shown in the photo from left, Clayton Cruickshanks, Herb Miller and Burleigh Wallace. These men would take this machine around to cut wood at various people's homes in the village. This photo was previously printed in the Haliburton County Echo and was originally contributed by Harvey Fearrey. /FILE

Managing summer screen time

We all know that screens can serve as a useful tool to find quiet time for both children and adults, and a source of education, entertainment, and social connection. Knowledge of technology is also necessary for success at school and almost every field of work. But recent studies have shown that too much screen time can result in problems with focus and executive functioning - the ability to plan, focus attention, remember, and multitask - all the things we need for school, work and general life functioning. Some types of screen time, such as immersive video gaming, can lead to sensory overload and behaviour change

But raising kids in a digital age makes it easier than ever to fall into a summer of screen time, when kids have less structured activities, and caregivers must contend with childcare and work. So how do we find balance?

While many busy families can't organize a structured screen time system, one simple strategy is to set a timer. For example, setting 30 minutes screen time followed by 30 minutes of independent reading or one-on-one activity.

Another way to find balance is to enrich everyday household "off-screen" activities through tuning in, being presently engaged, and just talking more. With younger children, talking about even the most simple, mundane things ("I'm feeding the dog now, help me feed the dog") can build vocabulary and positive

attachment. "Your lap is better than any app" is a saying that implies while your child may seem to want YouTube, sitting, getting close and having a conversation can strengthen both your attachment to your child and their own cognitive development.

For older children, setting parental controls in to filter out in appropriate content and limit daily time spent on their phone or iPad is essential. While time limits and content quality may be different during the summer, setting boundaries, explaining why they are important, and making a plan together can make children feel part of the discussion and decision making.

Finally, examining our own relationships to screens as caregivers and role models can sometimes yield surprising insights. Can we wait to check a phone notification until after a conversation or activity is complete? Can we keep our phones out of sight during mealtimes and bedtimes? Can we set an evening time cutoff for all electronic devices? How can we better use screen time to connect and create? Asking ourselves these often difficult questions can help to set fair standards for everyone in the household.

> *Submitted by Point in Time Centre for* Children, Youth, and Parents



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Most successful year to-date for Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

Golf was in the air on Friday, July 21 as the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic returned for a new year under mostly sunny skies at the Blairhampton Golf Course. Netting over \$900,000 in proceeds since its inception, this was the most successful year yet for the golf classic, raising

With 153 golfers registered for the classic and 170 golfers for the dinner, the event was undeniably a success. A large number of volunteers of all ages helped ensure the event ran smoothly, with the committee and Duchene family meeting weekly to prepare for the event for over four months.

Prior to teeing off, Haliburton local and Dallas Stars NHL player Matt Duchene spoke about why the tournament means so much to him. "It is an honour to be a part of it and give back any way I can. I'm really proud to be from here and we have an amazing community in Haliburton County," said Matt.

A true community event, this year's tournament had a number of auction and raffle prizes, golfing competitions, a Re/ Max hot air balloon, as well as a barbecue lunch sponsored by McFadden's Meat Market and a smoked brisket provided by Kennisis Lake Marina. Other local businesses also provided food and snacks, with salads from Molly's Bistro and desserts from the Portuguese Princess.

The proceeds from the golf classic are earmarked to purchase diagnostic imaging equipment such as a CT scanner and a

mammography machine in order to better suit the needs of the community.

'We don't have [a mammography machine] here. There is no one in the county or the general vicinity. There are minimum 6000 at-risk women in the area," said Melanie Klodt Wong, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

"It is great to get everyone from our community and out of town. Adding a CT scanner to the community is going to be huge. I've been able to use that several times in my career ... it can detect things that x-rays and MRIs can't so it would be amazing for our community to get," said

Matt's father, Vince Duchene, joined the organizing committee to help make the event a success. He described why he felt it was important to ensure the event continued after COVID-19.

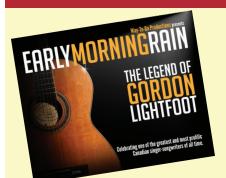
"Troy [Austen] and I said, 'Why don't we get involved and get this thing going again'... and everyone just stepped to the plate. The community support was unbelievable..My son said this: 'Dad, Haliburton County needs health care. Period.' That's why we're doing this," said Vince.

With record-breaking proceeds organizers are appreciative of the community effort and collaboration that went into making this the most profitable year yet.

> Ryan Bottum and Matt Duchene watch as their team plays on Friday. /CHRISTINE







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Bernie Nicholls, Matt Duchene, and Rick Lowes laugh during a question and answer period during the HHHS Charity Golf Classic. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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The Haliburton Art and Craft Festival attracted hundreds of people during the three-day event.

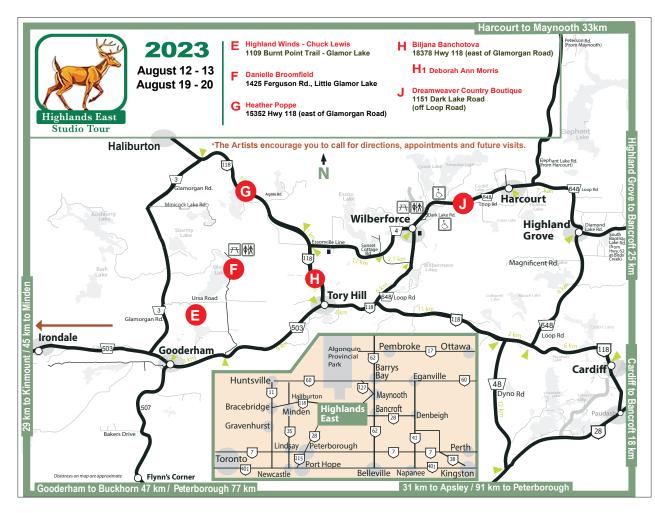






Leslie Howchin poses for a photo with her Moth Jewelry work during the Haliburton Art and Craft

Left, Laurie Jones, Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre curator, leads the drum circle on Saturday.









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- 14. Small freshwater fish
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- 18. Ghanaian currency
- 19. Improved the condition of
- 21. Int'l association of interpreters
- 22. Infections
- 23. Dish made with lentils
- 24. Thou
- 25. Former CIA
- 28. Unit used to compare power levels
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- 31. Myanmar monetary units
- 33. Polished
- 36. Signed a contract
- 38. Nothing
- 39. Once-ubiquitous department store
- 41. Neural structures
- 44. Thick piece of something
- 45. Slang for trucks with trailers
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- 51. Bird's beak
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- 60. Top of the human body
- 61. A Chinese temple and Indian town
- 62. Fertility god
- 63. Sea eagle
- 64. Dry
- 65. Zodiac sign
- 66. "Horizon Call of the Mountain" char-
- 67. Have the ability to
- 68. Take somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Iron Man" actress Leslie
- 3. Adjust the spacing
- 4. TheyÕre usually locked
- 5. Atomic #43
- 6. Wise individuals
- 7. Horse mackerel
- 8. Pearl Jam's debut album
- 9. Confines
- 10. Colorless crystalline compound
- 11. Unsatisfactorily
- 12. Plant of the parsley family
- 14. Determines time
- 17. Causes the birth of
- 20. Small ornament on a watch chain
- 21. Richly decorated cloth tapestry
- 23. Vito Corleone was one
- 25. Igbo musical instrument
- 26. Put in harmony
- 27. Japanese alcoholic drinks
- 29. Tinseltown
- 30. Closes tightly
- 32. Songs sung to one's lover
- 34. One thousandth of an inch
- 35. Small drink of whiskey
- 37. Political divisions in ancient Greece
- 40. Helps little firms
- 42. Baby's eating accessory
- 43. Very long periods of time
- 47. Small block of wood
- 49. Town in Surrey, England
- 50. Enquiry 52. Murdered
- 53. Bura-__: Chadic language
- 55. Crater on Mars
- 56. Mammal genus
- 57. Sock
- 58. Make
- 59. Stony waste matter
- 61. Partner to cheese
- 65. Pound

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Group discovers unique Haliburton County apples

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Apples grown in Haliburton County may be unique right down to their DNA. And there's a group that's been exploring that possibility as part of the Apple

Tree Identification Project (ATIP). Highlands East township council heard when it met July 11 that 110 apple tree locations in more than 10 old orchards have been identified in the county. An orchard is of at least four trees. Hundreds of old apple trees have been discovered in Highlands East.

"I had always wondered why apple trees grow in Haliburton when we have short summer seasons, short growing seasons, and very harsh winters," said Haliburton resident Luba Cargill, the ATIP coordinator.

She asked council for a letter of support for the project that can be used for promotional purposes. She requested that council help to rally apple tree owners to participate in ATIP and to identify apple

trees on municipal property.

Council agreed to support the initia-

"By becoming involved in this initiative, Highlands East municipality will set an example and provide important leadership for the ATIP program with beneficial results for the municipality and its residents," she said.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners collaborated with the University of Guelph and have identified more than 20 possible heritage apple varieties in parent and grandparent trees.

ATIP hopes to work in sync with the Master Gardeners to bring forward additional information on the apple resource so it may be identified and catalogued.

At Guelph, the local Master Gardeners group were selected to be one of four contingents to continue with DNA testing.

"Obviously, we have something in our apples' DNA that's unique and important," Cargill said. The first step in the project is the identification of apple tree locations in the

county. That's followed by intensifica-

tion, to encourage arborists and Mas-

ter Gardeners to help apple tree owners care for and maintain their apple trees to increase apple production of existing

The third step of the project is to plant more apple trees.

And that will lead to the fourth component of the project, which is to store, process, and produce local apple products. The ultimate goal, she said, is to contribute to food security by achieving an

apple industry in Haliburton County. "Climate change is a reality and it will come to impact resources in Haliburton County in many ways," Cargill wrote in a letter to Highlands East council. "Most of these will likely be negative, although warming temperatures may have a posi-

tive effect on apple survival and success."

She said every local homestead at the

turn of the century had an apple orchard. "So apple trees are very native to our Haliburton County," Cargill said. "We just have not done a meaningful job of maintaining and caring for them and creating an industry."

And so the Apple Blossom Tour Project

was born.
"We found there were apple trees everywhere," she said.

They're on private and municipal land, local farms, and apple trees are especially in over-grown forested areas.

"For decades, most apple trees have been neglected," Cargill said. "Yet, these old apple trees and old apple orchards continue to survive and produce apples. I don't know how they accomplish that, but they just do."

She said her favourite apple tree is located in Tory Hill Community Park. A snow plow struck that tree last winter, but it still produces fruit.

When apple trees are identified as part of the tour project, the land owners are asked if they'd like to work with the Mas-

ter Gardeners in their efforts. "So you want me to prune trees?" said

Mayor Dave Burton. ATIP participants could be told where a newly discovered apple tree is located. Then it will be mapped and the Master Gardeners will look at DNA testing of the tree in partnership with the University of

The return of camping season

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

They're back. It's summertime in the Haliburton Highlands and that means longer days, hotter weather, and of course, campers.

With dozens of camps speckled across the region, there are hundreds of campers who call the Highlands home for the summer. But, like so many other things over the past few years, local summer camps have had to work their way from the ground up in an attempt to overcome the COVID-19 years, when camps shuttered for a few years, and the future seemed uncertain.

Now that the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be in the rearview mirror, camps are re-opening their doors with a new zest, and welcoming a new generation of campers to make memories in the Haliburton Highlands. "The demand for our camp programs and activities remains as strong as they were pre-COVID," said Dan Crawford, the operations manager for YMCA Wanakita, "and families and campers are excited to return to the programs and activities they've missed."

But surely, after all this time, the camps must look a little different. While Crawford says that health and safety have always been top priority for camps, now they take things to the next level. "The biggest change is that we are now offering slightly shorter camp sessions, where one week campers are now with us for four nights, and two week campers are now with us for 10 nights," he said. "This change was made last summer to support a staffing shortage, however the feedback was great and so we continue to offer shorter sessions."

While Wanakita is offering options for overnight camps, they are not offering any day camps due to a staffing shortage. "Like many camps, our leadership programs that were closed during COVID are a vital component to our staffing strategy," said Crawford. "In the absence of



Blue skies and sun were the order of the day (with strawberries of course) at a past Strawberry Social at YMCA Camp Wanakita./FILE

these programs for two years, we have experienced fewer applicants than pre-COVID." He noted that he is hopeful that day camps will return next year, as he recognizes that they are valuable to locals and cottagers alike.

While the day camps are on hold, Crawford said that the overnight camps still offer an abundance of benefits that he was passionate about sharing. "Overnight camping plays an important role in so many ways for young people. It helps build confidence, cooperation and inde-pendence. It helps expose young people to the natural, outdoor world, how robust and fragile it is, and how it makes them feel when they are outdoors," he said.

He also shared that overnight camps offer campers an opportunity to make friends, create new memories, and share in something special, together. "Camp is an opportunity to introduce young people

to peers from different walks of life," he said, "and how similar they are, despite where they may come from, and how different they may appear to be when they





The 'Haliburton' sound

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

You might have noticed - music is alive and abundant in the Highlands this summer.

The My Haliburton Highlands calendar is packed full, almost everyday, with live music events happening at resorts, on docks, and in restaurants, tents, theatres, legions, and parks.

But why the concerto of live music? Where are the artists coming from? Are there enough spectators to fill each venue? Will there ever be too much music? Does it benefit the community? And does Haliburton County have its own sound?

"COVID was one of the best things to happen to tourism up here," said Thom Lambert, employee of the County of Haliburton Economic Development and Tourism department and member of the Haliburton County

Local musician Bill Black echoed Lambert's thoughts.

"I think people are hungry to get back out again, not just the musicians to play, but for people to get out again. At this point in time, it feels almost back to normal again," Black said.

Black has steadily had three or four gigs each week. Lambert says there are close to 160 live music performances happening in the county this summer.

"There are places like the Dominion that are doing seven live shows a week. And then we have brand new venues like the Music Room with a full schedule. Their lineup is unbelievable. Internationally-known acts are coming in. We also have Hollow Valley Resort. They're doing three shows a week as well," Lambert said.

Hollow Valley Resort specifically built a bar and music venue on site and started up performances as soon as they opened in February.

"All of the owners, including myself, are musicians and lovers of live music, so we wanted to contribute to bringing it back. It's quite popular. We fill up our little bar every weekend," said co-owner Shaun Pennell.

In addition to the community's craving for connection, Lambert thinks social media in particular offers venues and musicians exposure at a higher level than ever before.

"People that have live music have gotten really savvy about social media. Part of it is that there are more performances, but part of it is that those performances are more visible than they were four or five years ago," he said.

Audience

But how much is too much? Lambert thinks the amount and frequency of performances doesn't necessarily mean smaller audience sizes.

"There's always been a discussion in the county that there's a finite audience," Lambert explained. "I have a tendency to think there's a much bigger audience than what we once believed."

He said at one point in time a few years ago, the county actually created a calendar to prevent overlap.

"It didn't work," he laughed. "Because the reality is, if there's a performer in the book, most have limited avail-

He noted one Saturday that had three large concerts in the area. He assumed each musician would perform to smaller audiences that night, but to his surprise, all were



The Ya Babys perform at Haliburton Rotary's Music in the Park on a Tuesday evening this summer. / ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo

"There are audiences for certain kinds of music. There are also audiences for venues. For example, there are certain people that are going to go to a show because it's at the legion. There are certain people that are going to go to a show because it's on Kennisis Lake. There are a certain amount of people that will follow a certain performer, as well," Lambert said.

Musicians

More venues mean more opportunity for musicians to play, and steady crowds mean performers can make a

"Ten years ago, if you were a local performer, a lot of these opportunities were not paid opportunities. Now, what I'm hearing from musicians, is that most of these gigs, even if it's a patio on a Wednesday night, are paid. And that's a change," Lambert said.

He noted that the more a musician plays to a live audience, the more experienced they get.

And that elevates the entire scene. People notice when the quality is impressive, and that builds an audience, too," he said.

So that's a seemingly endless loop.

More shows with full audiences, equals more experience for musicians, equals an enhanced performance, equals a bigger audience.

If an artist has a great experience here, they will pass that along to other artists. It affects a destination's ability to get good acts, and we have a very good reputation up here," Lambert said.

Venues

One could say that music like that can happen anywhere, but Haliburton County has a few other tricks up

The outdoor stuff has got this incredible vibe. There are not very many places at all that have the natural features that we have in addition to the music culture,"

He reveled in the beauty of the setting for Rotary's

Music in the Park in Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

"It's a whole other thing to either be sitting outside on a patio in Haliburton County versus a patio in the city,"

Haliburton School of Art + Design plays a big role in diversifying music by bringing in experts to teach.

"People plan entire vacations around music here in the summer. The students of the school will plan an entire vacation to come and study music. And on Tuesday night, they could go to Music in the Park, Wednesday night they could go to the theatre, Thursday night they could go to their instructor's concert at the school, and there's just not a lot of other places in the world that you can do that," Lambert said.

'A healing force'

Following three years of global illness and isolation, live music may quite literally be healing us.

"It's incredibly well-documented. Music is a healing force. It is a measurable, medically-known fact that live music is just good for us to be in groups either playing live music or experiencing live music," Lambert said.

"Combine that with being immersed in the natural world, those two things in conjunction are powerful, and I think that's what makes us a unique destination across the board."

And the "Haliburton County" sound isn't limited to one specific genre.

"It's astonishing that we have an opera studio in Haliburton. And those that come study here have fallen in love with the place, and that's ten years worth of opera students that have experienced the Highlands," Lambert

Is this phenomenon a once in a lifetime occurrence for Haliburton County this year?

"I don't think we have really good information on whether it's too much music yet. It'll be interesting to see if the pendulum swings back the other way," said Lam-But it would be delightful for me to know that what works up here is original."

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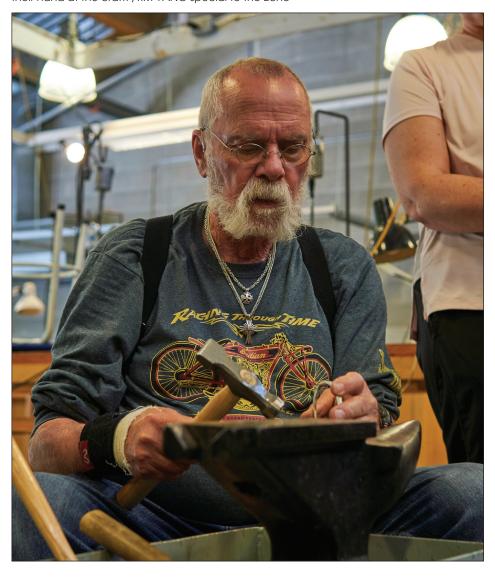
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Hammer time

Todd Jeffrey Ellis led a one-day bangle making workshop out of the Haliburton School of Art + Design on July 22. Eager participants listened to careful instruction ffrom Ellis before trying their hand at the craft. /TIM YANO special to the *Echo*





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The early stages of fusing the bangle together.



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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

· DATE: Wednesday, August 9th, 2023

TIME: 11:00 am.

• LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in Council

Chambers and electronically

The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and

live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2023-014 Harcourt Park Inc. (Othen)

· The following variance is requested to legalize the location of the attached deck, on a property in the WR4L-1 zone:

a) A variance to Section 3.19(a)(v) to permit the area of an attached deck on a standard waterfront lot to encroach 64.8 square metres (697 square feet) within 10 metres of the highwater mark as opposed to the permitted 0 square metres.

Location: Part Lot 2, Concession 7, Parcel 99, Plan Allen Lake in the Geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

2. D13-MV-2023-017 Amme

The following variance is requested to increase the maximum allowed height of a onestorey accessory building, on a property in the WR4 zone:

b) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a one-storey accessory building a maximum structure height of 6.7 metres (22 feet) as opposed to the permitted maximum of 5.5 metres (18 feet).

Location: Part Lot 26 and 27, Concession 3, Lot 34, Plan 564, in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. This meeting will be conducted in person and electronic format.

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Deputy Secretary-Treasurer at jiles@dysartetal.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Deputy Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

> Jeff Iles Deputy Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

The beautiful game

The Haliburton Grassroots Athletics Soccer league played on Thursday, July 20 in the Haliburton High School field. Kids from all over the county participate on a weekly basis. /ADAM FRISK special to the *Echo*





Kenna Ryalen, June Judson, and Hadley Judson keep control of the ball during practice.





Coaches Jenn Emmerson and Kathy Judson coach the allairls team from the sidelines.

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Historical photos from around Haliburton County

Preferably from before 1970
Help revive our *Pic of the Past* section by sending in your pictures. Bring them in to the Echo office at 146 Highland Street or email them to vivian@haliburtonpress.com with dates and any other information.

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An update from the Arts Centre Foundation

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to serving the performing artists and audiences of the Haliburton Highlands. The vision of the HHACF is to program a full range of performing arts and film, indepen-dently and with community partners, and to provide purpose-built, professional facilities for shared experiences of the arts and a range of community gatherings.

As a growing arts community, Haliburton has outgrown the current available performing arts venues in terms of capacity and use. A project feasibility study and a fundraising Community Assessment and Planning Study were conducted in 2022 to provide the groundwork, including community input, for the development of a purpose-built performing arts centre. The studies showed a need for a facility with increased seating, orchestral space, dressing rooms and rehearsal spaces, as well as a box office, lobby, better lighting and sound equipment and more.

Interviewees and survey participants included a diverse scope of stakeholders including (but not limited to) local, provincial and federal government, performers, patrons and local businesses.

The Community Assessment and Planning Study identified key areas of importance to our community and provided recommendations that the HHACF Board of Directors is moving forward with,

• Developing a communications plan to clarify the role of HHACF and the value and impact of this project to the res-

idents within the catchment area.
• Exploring potential partnerships with projects that hope to address key issues in the region that were identified through the assessment (i.e., shortage of housing, food insecurity, healthcare, as well as opportunities to provide economic stim-

In the spring of 2023, the HHACF Board of Directors began exploring collaboration opportunities with multiple organizations and community leaders, as well as a variety of potential partners with a goal to identify creativ options for the project and provide sustainability and community impact.

Dan Manley, President HHACF shares, "The HHACF's vision for a performing arts centre will have a significant impact on Haliburton County by providing an enhanced facility to support our growing performing arts community and providing a boost to the local economy through increased tourism and job creation. We feel it is also important to address the fuller needs of our community, and so we are exploring collaboration opportunities

to reimagine the possibilities of this pro-

With the summer season, the HHACF Board of Directors looks forward to advancing conversations with community members, leaders, potential partners and visitors. They welcome community input to find the best way forward for both the project and Haliburton County.

For more information on the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation, visit their website https://hhartscentrefoundation.ca/ or email info@hhartscentrefoundation.ca.

Submitted



Form 6 SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001 Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 17, 2023, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yYEDvI-8SwuGEYVQTh0_XQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$27,000 Minimum tender amount: \$8,139.25

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form, contact:

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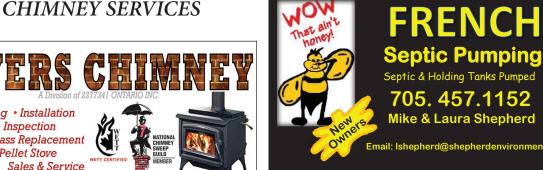
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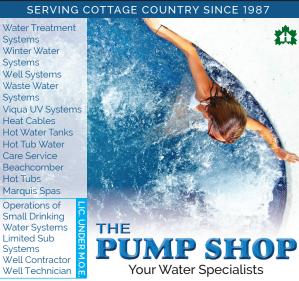
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Councillors want to protect shoreline

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The issue of shoreline building setbacks dominated the morning agenda at Dysart et al's council meeting last week.

Drew Miller, representing Moose and Eagle Lakes, presented council with a petition of cottagers who want to be able o build structures on the shoreline for

storage purposes.
"From my understanding, it's a big

issue with people," Miller told council.
Miller was careful not to advocate
"boathouses", aware that it's a contentious notion among those who want to preserve the shoreline's natural

Instead, Miller stressed that there are cottagers who merely want small structures to store items near the shoreline. With an aging population on the lakes, Miller said that it is increasingly difficult for seniors to make the trek back to their cottages to load their boats.

You can build it under 10x10," said Miller. "We don't want boathouses."

The issue was expected to be a primary focus at a public meeting regarding the township's comprehensive zoningbylaw held this past Saturday.

The concerns of people like Miller are problematic for the township, which went through extensive public consultations on the official plan it passed in March of last year – a plan that clearly stipulated the need for shoreline setbacks. If council plans to address Miller's concerns it would have to revisit the official plan and change the municipality's overall policy direction before it could alter any bylaw.

"How do we tell people that they can do it on one lake but not another?" said Fearrey.

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Horses were the star attraction at the Haliburton County Fair in Minden on Friday and Saturday. There were horse events throughout the fair, with the horse pull being the crowd favourite. We have more photos on page 17.

Environmental advocacy starts at the cottage

GRAEVIE STEIVIP

Staff Reporter

Slowly crusing out to his family island, Dr. David Pengelly recounts the kind of history lesson you love to hear on a sunny afternoon in cottage country.

His family's roots go back 70 years to the little island in the middle of Big Soyers Lake. The rest of Soyers Lake, Pengelly says, was owned by about a half dozen families. As time went on, those families sold chunks of land to friends but the originals never left.

Unfortunately, like most lakes, a problem arose that forced the lake residents to defend their pristine environment. For Soyers Lake the concern was actually focused on a tiny subsidiary lake called Little Soyers Lake. A group of investors

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moved in and were going to create an "eco-dude ranch", where foreign tourists would herd cattle from one side of the property to the other.

The group of starry-eyed investors planned to solve the obvious problem that this area was never prairie by cutting down all the trees and watering the new grass with water from the lake.

"The amount of water they would've needed to draw from the lake was obscene," recalls Pengelly.

Since a third of the water from Soyers Lake comes from its smaller sibling, Pengelly and some other cottagers appealed the government's decision to allow the group to draw water. The result was that the investors' water permit was renegotiated with much stricter

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Dr. David Pengelly, a renowned air pollution researcher, proudly displays his solar panels on his family's island,

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